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METHOD FOR GENERATING AN IMPROVED IMAGE SIGNAL WHEN

ESTIMATING THE MOTION OF IMAGE SEQUENCES, IN PARTICULAR

A PREDICTION SIGNAL FOR VIDEO IMAGES USING MOTION-

COMPENSATING PREDICTION

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**RESPONSE** 

SIR:

This Response addresses the Office Action mailed September 26, 2002, and it is respectfully submitted that this response places the above-identified application in condition for allowance. Claims 6-12 are pending in the present application and Claims 6-12 stand rejected.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 6-10 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over "Heirarchical Motion Estimation Using The Phase Correlation Method In 140 Mbit/s HDTV-Coding" by Ziegler, Manfred ("the Ziegler reference") in view of United States Patent No. 4,880,160 to Thomas ("the Thomas reference").

According to the Office Action:

ZIEGLER does not specifically disclose utilizing aliasing reducing interpolation filtering, and more than four neighboring pixels being utilized for an interpolation of each pixel.

However, Thomas teaches motion vector detecting method comprising aliasing reducing interpolation filtering, and more than four